



Police Department

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Among the many challenges we have faced this year, bringing thousands of students back to campus amidst a global pandemic has been a particularly difficult one. Many schools have adopted a distance learning model, where students attend classes online from their homes. In this edition, I would like to highlight some online safety tips to protect our children from online dangers.

- **Educating your children about safe and responsible online behavior is very important.** Explain the dangers possibly awaiting them online. Posting personal information or accepting friend requests from strangers should be avoided. For older children that use social networking sites, remind them that everything online is permanent. Tell them to pause and think through every post.
- **Cyberbullying is a real and serious problem that affects many adolescents and teens every year.** According to a poll released by UNICEF in 2019, one in three students in 30 countries said they have been a victim of online bullying, with one in five reporting having skipped school due to cyberbullying and violence. Educate your children about cyber bullying and explain why it's wrong. Don't forget to discuss the serious consequences with such behavior.
- **Students Speaking Out** is a program of San Diego County Crime Stoppers, a community-based nonprofit organization. Their mission is to empower youth to use their voices to make schools and communities safer. For more information, please visit <http://www.studentspeakingout.org/>.
- The **P3 Campus** is an anonymous tip reporting solution designed for the educational community. School community members can report anonymously about a wide range of concerns from mental health issues to threats of violence. For more information, please visit <https://www.p3campus.com/>
- Our **School Resource Officers** continue to work hard to safeguard our children during these difficult and unprecedented times. Please visit <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department/programs/sro-program> for more information about our SRO program and links to many useful resources available to parents, teachers, youth or anyone who you feel needs some assistance.

Please let us know if there are specific public safety issues you would like us to evaluate in the future, or specific topics you would like more information on. You can share your thoughts by contacting our Community Outreach team at (619) 691-5187 or by visiting our website at <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department/contact-us>.

Thank you in advance for your assistance,

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